Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: I have no exact information. In fact, I am considering the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: So far as the introduction of Wardha scheme of education in Cochin is concerned can we not enter upon that without watching the results, whatever they be on the experimental process that is going on in British India.?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: There is nothing to prevent us but we must take decision and consider the question.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO VADAVUCODE PANCHAYAT

61. Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of nominated members of the Vadavucode Panchayat with dates on which the nomination was made;

(*b*) was any of these nominated members working as a clerk in the same Panchayat at any time before his nomination;

(*c*) if so, who was it and when did he give up that post;

(*d*) what was the remuneration given to him per mensem for his service as a clerk;

(*e*) on what date was the Panchayat meeting held in which he attended first?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: (*a*) 1. Poothakuzhi Ipe Chako—nominated on 15th Edavam 1118.

2. Kolathunayath Vasudevan Kartha—nominated on 15th Chingam 1122.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) to (*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur)*: May I know whether those two members are still in the Panchayats?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I think they must be in the Panchayats because there is no definite information just now.

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur)*: Answer to question 2 referred that Mr. Kolathunayath Vasudevan Kartha was nominated on 15th Chingam 1122. Was it on the removal of any-body else?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health)*: I want notice for it.

EXPORT OF COCOANUT

62. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the export of cocoanut from the State;

(*b*) would not ten per cent of what is sold sufficient to satisfy the deficit areas;

(*c*) how far the Government have progressed in the matter of meeting the complaints of the public of Chittur in the matter of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*:

(*a*) Figures are not available.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*c*) The question of distributing cocoanut oil at reduced rates for home consumption is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: What about cocoanuts?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*: That will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vakakkancheri)*: May I know what is the complaint mentioned in question sub-division (c)? How far the Government has progressed in the matter of meeting the complaints of the public of Chittur in the matter of cocoanut and cocoanut oil?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue)*: The complaint is that the prices of cocoanuts and cocoanut oil for household consumption are very great and that some remedy should be found out to minimise the prices of those articles, when paddy is being exported from there for the purpose of the whole of the people of Cochin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government are in receipt of the resolution of the Talappilli Taluk Advisory Committee on this question of the necessity, the crying necessity, of controlling the prices of cocoanut and cocoanut oil required for home consumption in Cochin State?

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* That representation has been received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has that been accepted?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* The representations from Chittur and Talappalli are to the same effect; and that is what the Hon'ble Minister said that it is being considered and that some remedy is being devised.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When were these complaints from Chittur and the recommendation of the Talappilli Taluk Advisory Committee on the identical question received? I do not want the exact date, but the approximate time just to see how long was it since it was received.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Not more than a few weeks.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* How is it that the price of this article has gone up?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I am not in a position to say that.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know if a part is used for industrial purposes, whether it could not be stopped so that it may be made available for domestic consumption?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* That suggestion also will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government are not aware that cocoanuts and cocoanut oil have become an absolute necessity by constant use of the commodities at low prices even amongst the poor folk in Cochin?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Certainly, it is a necessary article of food.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of that answer, will they be pleased to expedite the consideration and see that to these poor men at least—others will pay the higher price—it may be made available? Will the Government be pleased to do it?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* It is exactly for that reason that the matter is being considered. But it is a very difficult question. That is why we take some time because for the exact way in which to do it when one system is being thought of, one difficulty crops up. It is not the want of will, but the difficulties that take so much time. And I may add that any suggestion in this behalf will be received and considered very sympathetically.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of that answer, though we are glad that the Government are taking steps to see that this complaint is redressed, but all the same in the light of the answer that not more than a few weeks have elapsed since receipt of the recommendation of the Talappalli Taluk Advisory Committee, may I know whether it would become an accomplished fact at the earliest date possible? What are the difficulties? I know the date of the receipt of Talappalli Taluk Advisory Committee's recommendation. But I do not want to give the information since it is objectionable.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* At the earliest date it will become an accomplished fact.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the exact difficulty in controlling the prices?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* It is reported that the Government of India are considering the question of controlling the price of cocoanuts. That is one factor before Government. Then the question is how exactly to supply cocoanut oil and cocoanuts to the consumers in the areas where these things are not available in plenty, at what rate, and what exactly the process is that this Government must adopt, the quantities to be supplied, these are all very difficult things. That is why some time is taken.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know with reference to the answer to sub-division (*a*) whether the figures are not available?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* The answer is given there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether Government has not got figures of any important subjects like the export of cocoanuts?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* There are figures on many important subjects; but on this particular matter which is also important, figures are not there.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know how is it that there are no figures upon this big industry of Cochin—cocoanuts even along with the others?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): Sir, it is only in the month of July 1946 that the Statistics Department began to collect and publish figures. The department is only developing and probably there are several things on which more information is necessary. It is a growing department.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഭക്ഷണ സാധനങ്ങളിൽ നാളികേരത്തേക്കാൾ പ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്ന നെല്ലിന്റെ വില സാധുക്കൾക്ക കുറച്ചു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചനയുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: നെല്ലിന്റെ വില കുറക്കുവാൻ തല്ക്കാലം ആലോചനയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സാധുക്കൾക്ക് നെല്ല് വില കുറച്ചു കൊടുത്തുകൂടെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: സാധുക്കൾക്കായാലും അല്ലാത്തവർക്കായാലും നെല്ലും അരിയും രണ്ടു വിലയായിട്ട കൊടുക്കണമെന്ന ആലോചനയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: നാളികേരത്തിന്ന വില കുറച്ചു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ആലോചനയുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: നാളികേരത്തിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിലും അങ്ങിനെ ഒരാലോചനയില്ല.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know whether in the light of that answer, that the Government of India are considering this question, is it the position of Government that unless the Government of India takes a decision one way or the other, the Government of Cochin are not in a position to take a decision of their own?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: എന്നു പറഞ്ഞില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ ഒന്നുള്ളതു ഒരു ഫാക്ടറാണെന്ന പറഞ്ഞുള്ളൂ.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: അതെനിക്ക മനസ്സിലായി. അവിടെ അങ്ങിനെ നടത്തുന്നതുവരെ ഇവിടെ നടത്തുവാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നാണൊ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ നില?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: അല്ല, അല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വള്ളിസ്സ്: ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു വാങ്ങുന്ന വിലക്ക തന്നെ സാധുക്കൾക്ക നെല്ല കൊടുക്കാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ: ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു ഇവിടെനിന്ന വാങ്ങുന്ന നെല്ലിന്റെ വില ഒരുപ്പിക ആറണയാണു. എന്നാൽ ബസ്സാഡ, പഞ്ചാബു, സിന്ധു മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽനിന്ന വാങ്ങുന്ന നെല്ലിന്ന ഓരോ തരത്തിലുള്ള വിലയാണു കൊടുക്കുന്നതു. ആ വില കണക്കാക്കിയാണു ഇവിടെ നെല്ല വില്ക്കുന്നതു. അങ്ങിനെ വിറ്റ കിട്ടുന വില വാങ്ങുന വിലയേക്കാൾ വളരെ കുറവാണു. നെല്ലും അരിയും വാങ്ങിയ വിലയേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ വിലക്കാണു ഫുഡ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും കൊടുക്കുന്നതു എന്നുള്ള ധാരണതെറ്റാണു.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ഇവിടെ നിന്ന വാങ്ങുന്ന നെല്ലും പഞ്ചാബു, ബസ്സാഡ മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽനിന്ന വാങ്ങുന്ന നെല്ലും തമ്മിലുള്ള വിലയുടെ വ്യത്യാസമൊന്ന കേട്ടാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. M. K. Raja (*Mulakunnathukavu*): On a point of order, Sir, the question of paddy does not arise here.

Mr. President: I do not think that the price of paddy arises out of this question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I will put the question. A similar question was put and answered.

Mr. President: I did not realise actually what the question was. I may allow one question by accident but may not allow other questions.

REPAIR OF DILAPIDATED COLONY HOUSES

63. Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan (*Nominated*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government in repairing the dilapidated colony houses as recommended by the Committee appointed by the Government;

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